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Meeting: **Esquimalt Curling Club Board of Directors**

Date: Thursday, February 27, 2025

Location: Archie Browning Board Room

Attendees: Al Teasdale – ECC President/Senior Men’s; Randy Tonk – ECC Vice President; Karen Hoban- ECC Secretary/Sunday Funday; Torben Wilson –Doubles; Judy Scott – Golden Girls; Janet Bell – Friday Ladies; Brenda Byrne – Rebels; Bob Herbert – Senior Select; Brad Walsh – Monday/Wednesday Men’s; Dianna McIntosh – Monday Ladies Afternoon; Rachelle Perry – Youth; Graeme McLaren – Senior Mixed; Pei Mei Chi – Tuesday Evening Ladies

1. Call to Order

- President, Al Teasdale called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

An initial agenda for the meeting was distributed by email on February 20th and a revised agenda was distributed by email on February 25th.

Motion: [Accept the February 27, 2025 Board of Directors Meeting Agenda](#)

Moved/2nd: Randy Tonks/ Bob Herbert

Results: Approved without dissention

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the January 16, 2025 Board of Director’s Meetings were distributed by email on February 20th.

Motion: [Accept the Minutes of January 16, 2025 Board of Director’s Meetings be adopted](#)

Moved/2nd: Torben Wilson/ Judy Scott

Results: Approved without dissention

4. Old Business

4.1. Club Championship

- Format
 - Traditionally, leagues were asked to send their championship team to play off against other leagues in their group category (e.g. men’s, women’s, mixed, etc.) but not all leagues sent a team, and some categories had more teams than others so some groups played two games while others only played one game.
 - How to best mix in wheelchair, doubles, and youth leagues?
 - Suggestion to make the event more of a mixer for the club rather than a championship. Hold a draw of players present to determine the teams.
 - Leagues do not necessarily need to send their championship team. May choose to reward volunteers, randomly draw names, or any other method of selecting a representative team.
 - Will call the event a “Season Finale” rather than “Championship”.



- Prizes
 - Traditionally have awarded mugs to group winners, but they are becoming expensive, and people are tired of mugs.
 - Club already has some gift cards from the Real Canadian Wholesale club, can purchase some more to use as prizes.

4.2. Curler of the Year

- Have received 6 or 7 nominations for Curler of the Year (some people nominated more than once)
- Nomination committee will meet to discuss nominations
- Executive committee will vote via email (ASAP so that plaque can be engraved)

4.3. Treasurer Position

- Pam Knysh from the Sunday Funday League has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer.
- Pam has also volunteered to participate in this season's financial review

4.4. Learn to Curl (LTC)/Rookie League

- Worked well partnering with Esquimalt Recreation. They handled all the advertising and registration.
- The club received a profit from running the program. A revenue sheet for the Learn to Curl & Rookie League was distributed with the revised agenda on Feb 25.
 - Purchase of grippers/sliders was allocated to the Club rather than to LTC
- Would like to run another learn to curl program and continue the rookie league in the fall
 - Could run LTC & rookie league at same time, with each using 3 sheets
 - LTC players could join rookie league for winter session
 - 2026/27 season could have too many players in rookie league if LTC keeps feeding into it, so will need to move to alternate time or limit how long players can stay in league.
- Amanda Lynn Ballard has offered to run both LTC and Rookie League next season.
 - Al will appoint her as a director in order to keep the LTC/Rookie League closely associated with the club
- Al and with Pam K. discussed keeping the rookie league funds separate from the club funds (similar to how the Youth League account is set up).
- Rookie league fees went into general revenue for the club
 - \$75 for 7 games, want to keep the fees low
- Need more volunteers to help on ice/run the league. Need to get the message out to the club membership.

4.5. AED (*note this item was not on the agenda, but came up in discussion*)

- A member of the Golden Girls league has offered to contribute to the purchase of an AED to be located outside the curling rink.
- Al has spoken to Esquimalt about relocating one of the existing AEDs (from one of the offices that are often locked?) to near the curling rink.
 - **Action Item: Al to remind Steph about relocating AED**



5. President's Report

- Most of Al's time since the last meeting was spent getting material ready for the financial review.
- 2026 Provincial Championship – Al met with Steph at Esquimalt Rec and was told that Curl BC must go through Esquimalt Council for approval to hold the championships at Archie Browning. Sherry at Curl BC indicated that they have a couple other clubs interested in hosting, so Esquimalt is not likely to host the championship in 2026.
- Rocks – Esquimalt is overbudget, so rocks are not likely to be replaced in 2026. ECC may need to do some fundraising to ensure the rocks are replaced sooner rather than later.
- Curling in Esquimalt – Al had an informal meeting with Steve Knobe, and Steve informed him that the building is good for approximately 25 more years. There are plans to redo the floors of the arena and curling rink in the next few years.

6. Treasurer's Report

- A statement of Operations for the year ended Jan 31, 2025 and a proposed operating budget for 2025-26 were distributed with the revised agenda on Feb. 25
- ECC will finish the season with a deficit, but this was not unexpected because the board approved additional spending due to money received from the 2024 Provincial Championships.
- Proposed budget for 2025-26 is a break-even budget.
- Curl BC fees will be increasing by \$5
- Would like to keep some money in reserve to put towards new rock
- Budget and financial review to be approved at AGM on March 16

7. New Business

7.1. 2025-26 Bonspiels

- Al is trying to coordinate some of the men's and women's bonspiels between VCC and ECC so that leagues that have their regular time slot bumped for a bonspiel can enter a bonspiel at the other club.
- Pei Mei Chi would like to start a "Curl for the Cure" bonspiel.
 - Al suggested that Jan 2-4 would be a good time because it would have the least impact on leagues.
 - Pei Mei concerned about low turn out at that time of year but is willing to try it.
- Junior Optimist Bonspiel
 - Murray Walker is stepping down as the organizer, needs someone to take over.
 - Bonspiel is usually held in November
 - Bonspiel is part of the junior tour in BC
 - Two years ago, the event was cancelled because there was not enough interest, but last year it returned.

8. League Updates

8.1. Senior Men

- Long time league member Gary Mitchell passed away last week
- Only 3 players left from 2006 season



8.2. Senior Select

- Charity bonspiel March 6-7 is full
- Will announce 2-3 beneficiary charities once the total funds are known

8.3. Friday Ladies

- Final game March 14, will put out a call for a rep team for Season Finale.

8.4. Rebels

- Last day March 14th, will play mini-spiel for 2 nights to finish season

8.5. Tuesday Ladies

- Wind-up March 11th, with luncheon
- Will arrange for team for Season Finale

8.6. Youth

- Skills awards completed, everyone passed.
- Friends and Family Day March 9th
- Purchased new helmets with donation form Victoria Evening Optimists, will donate old helmets to Learn to Curl/Rookie League

8.7. Monday Ladies

- Wind-up on March 10, will curl that day to make up for a snow day

8.8. Senior Mixed

- Bumped next week for bonspiel but played twice today to make up for lost day
- Will solicit players to make team for Season finale

8.9. Monday/Wednesday Men

- Last day/wind up March 12 – will hold banquet/league AGM
- VCC men's bonspiel same weekend as ECC Season Finale, so will try to find teams to play in ECC Finale.

8.10. Doubles

- 2 more weeks in season.
- At least one team has indicated they probably won't return next year because cost is prohibitive. (at end of season last year, teams indicated they would rather pay more and have all games on the ice at same time than to pay less, but play games back-to-back with only 1-2 games on the ice at a time)

8.11. Sunday Funday

- Funspiel March 1st. One team has dropped out, so looking for another team to make an even number of teams. In the past, new teams have joined the league after participating in the funspiel.
- Last day is March 9th

Next Meeting

- August 2025, exact date TBA.

9. Adjournment

Motion: [To adjourn meeting.](#)

Moved/2nd: Dianna McIntosh/Torben Wilson

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.